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## Nationwide Effort to Ban Novelty Lighters

Do you know what a novelty lighter is? It's one that works like any other lighter, except that it looks like a **child's toy**. The Lexington Fire Department is asking for help locally in a nationwide effort to ban novelty lighters.

Lexington Fire Chief, Robert Hendricks explains, ***"You can see the size of the problem by just visiting Ebay. There are literally hundreds of lighters disguised as toy animals, cell phones, key rings, balls and other colorful items that are attractive to children. The problem is, whether the novelty lighters come from Ebay or a local store, kids are being injured by these unsafe products. We can greatly reduce these types of injuries."***

The fire department is asking parents not to purchase novelty lighters or keep them at home. Please keep ALL lighter away from children, especially if they look like a toy.

A video message showing examples of novelty lighters maybe viewed on the department's website at [www.lexingtonky.gov/lexfire](http://www.lexingtonky.gov/lexfire).